THE MINISTER OF EXTENAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed on 7th September, 1993, during the Prime Minister's visit to China. In pursuance of the Agreement, an India-China Expert Group was formed to assist the India-China Joint Working Group. The Eighth Session of India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question was held in New Delhi, from August 18—20, 1995. The Fourth Session on the India-China Expert Group was held in Beijing, from February 7—9, 1996. The two sides discussed border-related issues, including additional confidence building measures, clarification of the line of actual control (LAC) between India and China and force reductions along the LAC.

Commission/service charges by Modern Food Industries Ltd.

697. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Modem Food Industries Limited have passed on commission/service charges to private dealers against supplies of their products made to State Government especially the U.P. Government; and

(b) if so, the amounts and the names of the parties during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Automatic Mail Processing Centre in the Country

698. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Automatic Mail Processing Centres as at present in the country;

(b) the names of places where these Centres have been opened;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up such Centres in any other part of the country during the current year; and

(d) if so, the names of places identified for opening these Centres and the period by which the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Two.

(b) Automatic Mail Processing Centres have been set up at Bombay and Madras.

(c) and (d) While Delhi, Calcutta and Bangalore have been indentified for opening such centres, the automatic mail processing , centre at Meenambakam Air Port, Madras was dedicated to the Nation during the current year in Jan. 1996. No other automatic mail processing centre is being set up during the current year.

Consumption and Production of Gas in the Country

699. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the consumption of LPG at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of LPG agencies at present, State-wise;

(c) the details of the consumption and production of the LPG during each of the last two years; and

(d) the steps being taken to bridge the gap between consumption and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) The details of the consumption and production of LPG during each of the last two years (1993-94 and 1994-95) are as under: